Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 30 Oct 2021 until 23:59 on Sunday 31 Oct 2021

Forecast Issued on Friday 29 Oct 2021 at 16:46 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: The confidence in the details of rainfall over the weekend is a little uncertain, but most ranges will see wet conditions. Windier weather looks increasingly likely on Sunday, as does colder conditions next week.

Headline for Saturday 30 Oct 2021: Rain or sleet changing to brighter spells and scattered showers.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 30 Oct 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Light rain	Light rain showers	Light rain showers (night)	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
60%	80%	80%	60%	40%	40%	30%	20%

Forecast for Saturday 30 Oct 2021

Weather: Rain will set in through the early hours spreading northwards to affect most ranges. Early rain or summit sleet, heaviest across the Lomond and Trossach Hills, will clear to the north through morning but leaving plenty of cloud around and scattered showers, mainly along the west coast. A more widely dry and bright afternoon looks likely with some sunny spells. A few showers still possible, however, these heavy along the west coast.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: No chance through morning, improving 60% by afternoon.

Visibility: Thick cloud will shroud most slopes above around 500m leading to near fog conditions through much of the morning. Heavy rain will also turn glens hazy at times, mainly in the east. Cloud will lift and break to an extent through afternoon, generally confining cloud to 800m and above with some longer breaks in between.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	24/30 SE	29/38 SE	30/39 SE	23/30 S	20/27 S	20/28 S	19/25 S	19/26 S	19/24 S
900	17/24 S	22/31 SE	22/31 SE	17/24 S	15/22 S	16/23 SW	15/21 SW	14/20 S	14/20 S
600	21/27 S	23/30 SE	26/34 SE	19/26 S	16/23 S	18/24 SW	15/22 S	15/21 S	14/19 S
300	11/17 SE	12/21 SE	14/22 SE	10/17 S	10/16 S	10/18 S	8/14 S	8/14 S	7/13 SE
Glen	7/16 SE	7/15 E	9/21 SE	7/17 S	9/17 SW	8/17 SW	6/14 S	6/13 S	4/10 SE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	0/-7	0/-7	0/-8	0/-6	0/-6	0/-6	-0/-7	-1/-7	-1/-7
900	2/-3	2/-4	3/-3	3/-2	3/-1	3/-2	2/-3	2/-3	2/-3
600	6/1	6/1	6/0	6/1	6/1	5/1	5/0	4/0	4/1
300	7/4	8/5	7/4	8/5	8/5	7/5	7/4	6/4	6/4
Glen	8/6	9/7	9/7	9/7	10/8	9/7	8/6	8/6	7/6
Freezing Level*	1200m	1400m	1400m	1400m	1200m	1200m	1200m	1200m	1200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Best conditions expected later in the day, however isolated heavy afternoon showers are possible, perhaps even the odd thunderstorm across Lochaber.

Forecast for Sunday 31 Oct 2021
Weather: Strengthening easterly winds will bring spells of heavy rain (initially sleet or wet snow above munro level) through morning. The afternoon is a little uncertain, but there is a risk of heavy showers developing. Showers turning to sleet above munro level.

Maximum wind: East 10-20mph increasing 25-30mph gusting up to 40mph, easing through afternoon.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20%.

Visibility: Heavy rain will lead to visibility in the 2-5 kilometer range at lower levels and much less at height as extensive cloud sets in above 600m west, 400m east. Generally improved through afternoon as cloud tends to lift and break but likely still quite extensive.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 7 Celsius rising to around 9 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 2 Celsius.
Freezing level: 1300m or above.

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